governing visitors from Bangladesh so as to contain the menace of infiltration into India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Visa policy in respect of Bangladesh nationals is under constant review and whenever any change is deemed necessary, suitable action will be taken.

Arms dealers operating in the Capital

1060. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many arms dealers are operating in the Capital;

(b) since when they are operating; and

(c) what are the details of their past records

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information about issue of dealership licences under the Arms Act, 1959 or details of their operation are not compiled by the Central Government. Dealership licences are issued and the operation of such licences are monitored by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to whom necessary powers in this behalf are delegated.

Sir Edmund Hillary's advice for the protection of the environment

1061. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sir Edmund Hillary, the first person who conquered Mount Everest has recently given an advice with regard to the protection of the environment of Everest, for putting restriction in the Himachal area and for imposing a total ban on the tourist traffic for a minimum period of five years; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Sir Edmund Hillary has recommended that tourism in the Himalayas should be sensibly controlled but not prohibited. At the Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA) Conference in Kathmandu, he put forward the suggestion that due to accumulation of rubbish and waste, the Mount Everest should be closed to the mountaineers for a five year period to enable the mountain to regenerate. Sir, Edmund Hillary has not given any suggestion specifically pertaining to Himachal Pradesh.

(b) In order to protect the environment of the ecologically fragile Himalayan areas, it is necessary that tourism in this area is well regulated; and, a number of measures have been taken by the concerned State Governments in this rgard. Directions have also been issued by the Government of India under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, for regulating tourism in the Doon Valley.

Transfer of clerical staff from one bank to another

1062. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a set policy regarding the transfer of clerical staff of banks from one State to another and particularly

of those who have won awards;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any clerks|head-cashiers| head clerks|special assistants have been transferred by the regional office|head office of the State Bank of Indore, during 1985 to December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Transfer polices oaf clerical satff are formulated by the individual public sector banks keeping in view their administrative requirements and the provisions of industrial awards|bipartite settlements. Government have also advised the banks to rotate clerical staff every 5 years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Spy ring busted in Punjab

1063. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security forces have busted a spy ring recently in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in public interest to disclose the details at this stage.

नशीली दवाओं की तस्करी रोकने में अमरीका के साथ सहयोग

1064. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका नशीली दवाओं की तस्करी रोकने के काम में परस्पर सहयोग कर रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दोनों देशों के बीच परस्पर सहयोग के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस दिशा में भविष्य में और क्या-क्या संयुक्त प्रयास करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ;

वित्त मंत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) से (ग) जी हां, । द्विपक्षीय सहयोग पर करार के मसौदा का, जिसमें नशीले औषध द्रव्यों के अवैध व्यापार तथा नशीले औषध द्रव्यों के दुरुपयोग के सभी पहलू शामिल हैं, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका तथा भारत की सरकारों के बीच आदान-प्रदान किया गया है । जैसे ही इस करार को अन्तिम रूप दे दिया जायेगा, इस पर हस्ताक्षर कर दिए जाएंगे । इस करार के ब्यौरों को, जो अपने आप में गुप्त स्वरूप के हैं, इस स्तर पर बताना लोक हित में उपयुक्त नहीं होगा ।

राष्ट्रीय कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास बैंक द्वारा महाराष्ट्र में ग्रामीण विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता

1065. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास बैंक गांवों के विकास के लिए राज्य सरकारों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राष्ट्रीय कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास बैंक द्वारा 1986-87, 1987-88 और 1988-89 के दौरान ग्रामीण विकास के लिए महाराष्ट्र को कितनी राशि प्रदान की गयी ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?